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DR. LUCILLE F. STICKEL APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF PATUXENT WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER

The Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service today announced that Dr. Lucille F. Stickel, 58, has been appointed director of its Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Laurel, Md. She is the agency's highest ranking woman and has been serving in this position in an acting capacity since last December.

Patuxent, with a staff of more than 100 persons in Laurel, is one of the Service's two largest research facilities. In addition, 10 field stations report to Patuxent. In recent years, the center's emphasis has been upon the study of environmental pollution, the conservation of endangered species of wildlife, and prevention of crop damage by birds.

Dr. Stickel pioneered research to evaluate the effects of pesticides on wildlife species and has been directing Patuxent's pesticides research program since 1965. She has been at the center continuously since 1956 and prior to that time worked as a research biologist at the center from 1943-1948.

Dr. Stickel, a Phi Beta Kappa, was a biology major at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, where she graduated in 1936. She received a Master's degree in biology from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in 1938 and a Ph.D. in zoology from the same school in 1949.

In 1967, Dr. Stickel was one of seven persons to receive the Federal Woman's Award for outstanding contributions in Federal Service.

She is the author of more than 25 publications on environmental pollution and 16 publications on population biology.

Dr. Stickel is married to William H. Stickel, a biologist at the center.

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